

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1 – 20 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been amended and Claims 2-20 have been previously amended.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicant's Representative in a telephone interview on April 28, 2009. In accordance with MPEP §713.04, submitted concurrently herewith is a Statement of Substance of Interview for the interview.

Claims 1, 2, and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by United States Patent Number 5,692,409 to Cheers et al. (hereinafter "Cheers") in view of United States Patent Number 6,598,451 to Blue (hereinafter "Blue"). Without acquiescing to the rejection, Applicant has amended Claim 1 to more clearly recite the invention.

Regarding Claim 1, Claim 1 recites, *inter alia*:

"at least one coolant die (3,4,5,6) adjacent the at least one ironing die and having an internal cooling cavity (8) for circulating coolant only within the coolant die adjacent the ironing insert (12) of the ironing die (1,2), and without allowing coolant into a bore of the at least one coolant die (3, 4, 5, 6).."

Neither Cheers nor Blue teach or suggest "at least one coolant die (3,4,5,6) adjacent the at least one ironing die and having an internal cooling cavity (8) for circulating coolant only within the coolant die," as recited in Claim 1. At best, in Blue the "cool cavities comprising radially innermost imperforate channels (42, 44, 46, 48, 50) for supplying coolant and drawing off heat from a die face during working" are located in both the coolant die and in the die itself (*see*, Blue, Column 2, lines 44-47, and FIGS. 2, 3 and 5). Therefore, Claim 1, and Claims 2-20 that depend therefrom, are patentably distinguishable over Cheers and Blue and are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, the

Section 103 rejection of Claim 1 is believed to be overcome and the Examiner is respectfully requested to formally withdraw the rejection.

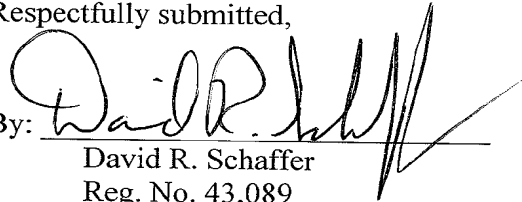
Claims 3-12 and 17-20 are variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by Cheers in view of Blue and further in view of United States Patent Number 6,776,021 to Scholey (hereinafter "Scholey") or further in view of United States Patent Number 4,223,544 to Main (hereinafter "Main") or further in view of United States Patent Number 6,598,450 to Main (hereinafter "Blue '450"). Scholey, Main and Blue '450 all fail to make up for the deficiencies in Cheers and Blue. Therefore, for at least those reasons given above for Claim 1, the Section 103 rejections of Claims 3-12 and 17-20 are also believed to be overcome and the Examiner is respectfully requested to formally withdraw the rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-20.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T4515-16172US01) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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